

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 758

By McDonald

A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor Mike and Brenda Scott for their renovation and preservation of "The Grand Inheritance."

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are honored to recognize those citizens who are dedicated to protecting and preserving those buildings of historical importance to Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mike and Brenda Scott are two such individuals wholly committed to preserving "The Grand Inheritance," a building of historical impact; and

WHEREAS, "The Grand Inheritance" was the home of Major David Wilson, First Speaker of the Territorial General Assembly and founder of Wilson County; and

WHEREAS, an important political and civic figure, Major David Wilson played an integral role in the formation of the State of Tennessee, and it is believed that such guests as Andrew Jackson and Daniel Smith may have frequented "The Grand Inheritance"; and

WHEREAS, a Revolutionary War veteran, Major David Wilson owned 3,640 acres in the Sumner Territory, and he served as a Justice of the Peace, Commissioner, and the first Magistrate of the Sumner Territory; and

WHEREAS, Major David Wilson also served as a Representative of the Sumner Territory at the Convention to ratify the Constitution of the United States in 1788; and

WHEREAS, a cemetery on the seventeen-acre property has the graves of three Revolutionary soldiers, former residents of the property, and other unknown citizens of this great State; and

WHEREAS, "The Grand Inheritance" was constructed between 1790 and 1794 in the Federal Style, an architectural form arising in the late 1700s; Federal Style homes are similar to

Gregorian houses with added swags, garlands, elliptical windows, arched Palladian windows, and other decorative details; and

WHEREAS, diligent and committed, Mike and Brenda Scott tirelessly renovated “The Grand Inheritance” themselves, tearing out carpet and replacing it with hardwood, rebuilding a stairway, installing trim, replacing an outdated kitchen, removing a hallway, widening three archway openings, and marbleizing fireplaces; and

WHEREAS, Mike and Brenda Scott epitomize the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of true Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly wishes to grasp this golden opportunity to properly recognize and applaud Mike and Brenda Scott for their perseverance in preserving a part of our rich Tennessee State history; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we recognize and honor Mike and Brenda Scott for their dedication to renovating and preserving “The Great Inheritance,” and offer our heartfelt commendations to them for the countless hours they have spent and will continue to spend ensuring the sanctity of the site.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.